

INFORMATION PACKAGE AUTH

1. Accommodation

The Mandrino Hotel is in the corner of 2, Adigonidon Str. and 29, Egnatia Str.

For those of you that have requested accommodation, double bed rooms have been reserved. If some of you want 3 bed rooms, there must be a group of at least 6 persons, in order not to have one person to pay for a double room or be charged with the extra cost of a single-bed room. This will have to be arranged upon arrival in the hotel with the hotel desk. The total accommodation cost per student (8 nights) is 220,0 € in both a double-bed room or a three-bed room if it is available. The price includes breakfast and all taxes. You will pay directly at the hotel before departure. The web page of the hotel is <http://www.mandrino.gr/>.

2. How to reach the hotel

2.a From the airport:

There is a bus from the airport, Nr. 78 (78N from midnight to 05:00 in the morning-every 30 minutes during the night) but it might not be convenient for a new-comer, since it does not leave you near the hotel. The bus when you are leaving from Thessaloniki is passing in front of the hotel. When you arrive it passes a few blocks away, from TSIMISKI street (look at a map of the city). The hotel is in EGNATIA street. So you will have to walk a few blocks. The alternative is to take a taxi. The cost must be about 15 to 20 euro. Take into account that part of the price is an extra charge for trips from and to the airport and for night transportation (24:00-05:00). There is also an extra charge for luggage.

2.b From the Railroad station:

The hotel is relatively near the RR station (about 1 km), but I would not recommend to walk, especially if you carry luggage, even more so if you arrive late in the night. So, you catch one of the Nr. 2, 10 or 14 busses departing from the railroad station and descend at the second bus stop (KOLOMVOU in Nr. 14 of EGNATIA street). You are at the opposite side of EGNATIA street from your hotel, which is at the Nr. 29. If you arrive late in the

night you can use bus Nr. 78N, connecting the Interurban Bus Station, the Railroad Station and the Airport.

3. How to reach the building of the Faculty of Engineering from the hotel

a. Walking:

You take EGNATIA street and walk up to Syntrivani Square. You must have the Metro Worksite 1 in your left and hotel ABC in your right (see university campus plan and google map in pages 5 and 6). You continue in EGNATIA street up to Metro Worksite 2. In the right hand corner of the Site (as you look at it) there is a street. **You follow this street (see the red dots in the university campus plan and the google map in pages 5 and 6) until you reach the building of the Laboratory of Hydraulics (the green dot in the university campus plan – building 7n and the google map in pages 5 and 6).** You must see in front of you the picture at the end of this text (Façade).. **I will be waiting for you there.**

b. By bus (<http://oasth.gr/>):

*You must buy a ticket from one of the newspaper kiosks (the standard one costing 1,00 €) and "cancel" it inside the bus (orange boxes). The standard 1,00 € ticket is valid only for one trip. There are also "70 minutes" tickets costing 1,20 €. These tickets expire 70 minutes after the first cancellation and permit the transfer between any bus lines up to two times, as long as the ticket is re-cancelled within 70 minutes of the first cancellation. You can also buy a ticket from the in-bus ticket machines. In this case the ticket costs 0,10 € more. I am not sure if the machines return change, so it is better to have the exact price. **There are also student tickets priced 0,50 and 0,60 € respectively, but in order to use them you must have a special card that is not available for short stay students.***

You have to get to EGNATIA street and catch one of the Nr. 2, 10, 14, 27 or 31 busses at the bus stop KOLOMVOU in Nr. 14 of EGNATIA street (opposite side of EGNATIA street from your hotel). Be careful to select the correct side of the street. If we suppose that EGNATIA goes roughly from west to east, you must go towards the east.

You descend at the AHEPA (H is pronounced like the h in "home") bus stop (it is the bus stop marked in the maps). **Attention:** for busses Nr. 2, 14 and 27

this stop is the second **after** the Syntrivani square. For the rest it is the first one. You cross the street from the traffic lights in your left and then follow the above "**walking**" instructions. AHEPA is the hospital behind the Faculty of Engineering (buildings with Number 6c in the campus plan).

4. European Dimension Activities (EDA)

The total cost for the EDA is 30 € per student and will have to be paid upon registration in cash.¹

A. Sunday, March 18

We will meet at **10:00** in the main entrance hall of the Faculty of Engineering. After registration, we will have a guided visit of **the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki** (<http://www.amth.gr/>) and next we will take a guided bus tour of the city and visit some of the monuments. The Early Christian and Byzantine monuments of Thessaloniki have been declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1988. Entrance is free in the museums and other monument for students from EU universities **but they must show their student ID card.**

B. Saturday, March 24

We will meet at **07:30** in front of the Mandrino hotel. A bus will take us for a guided tour to Vergina and Dion (UNESCO world heritage site-1996).

(<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vergina>)

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dion, Greece](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dion,_Greece))



¹ See also 5. Information about meals

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Lunch and dinner will be in the University Student Club restaurant (the buildings marked A in the Campus Plan). Noon meals will not be available on the days of the European Dimension Activities). The total fee is 15,0 € per student (2 meals per day) and will have to be paid upon registration in cash, together with the EDA participation fee.

Serving hours (all days of the week)

Lunch: 12:30 to 16:00

Dinner: 18:30 to 21:00

5. Videos

Have a look at the following videos about AUTH and Thessaloniki:

1. An “official” one

<https://www.auth.gr/en/passing-the-knowledge-baton>

2. An older “official” one

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/awe6qpa54yhp1t/Film Presentation of Aristotle University.mkv](https://www.dropbox.com/s/awe6qpa54yhp1t/Film_Presentation_of_Aristotle_University.mkv)

2. The Erasmus office promotional video

<https://eurep.auth.gr/en/media>

3. A promotional video for the 40th annual conference of the European Society for Engineering Education that I organized in 2012

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/mnrhix06vh962vq/sefi2012authThessaloniki.mp4?dl=0>

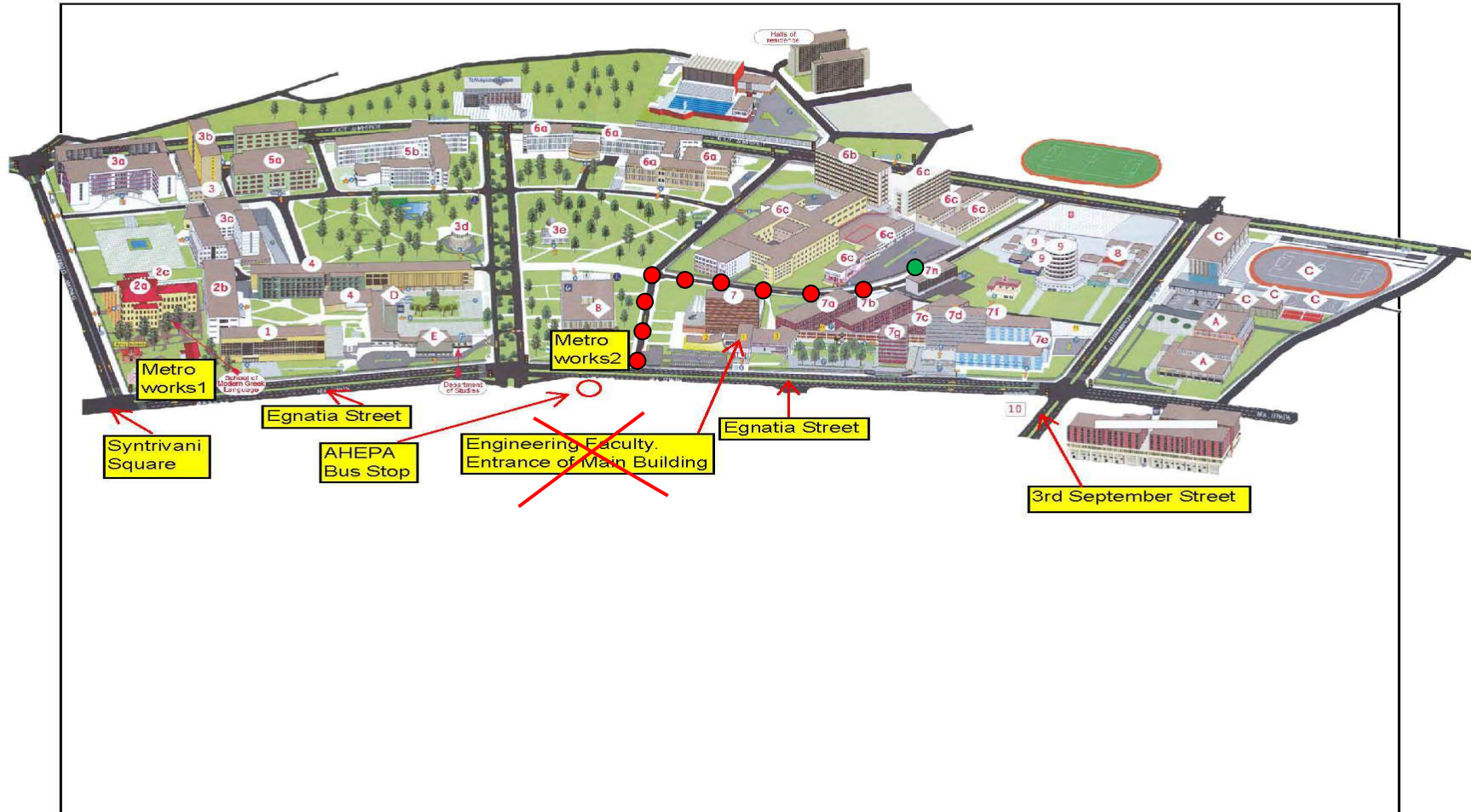
See you in Thessaloniki, Good Luck

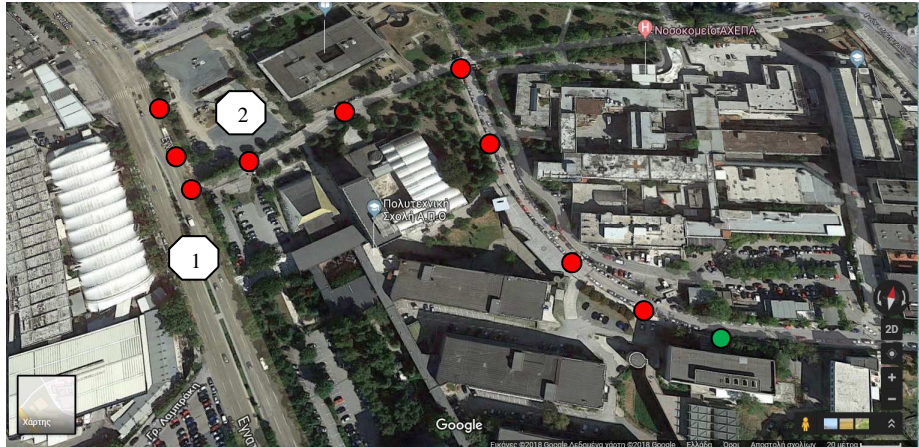
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CAMPUS PLAN OF THE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI





1= Egnatia Street, 2=Metro Works 2



Façade of the Laboratory of Hydraulics